

**Information to identify the case:**Debtor 1: Michael Dean Lea

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Social Security number or ITIN: xxx-xx-4374

EIN: --

Debtor 2:

(Spouse, if filing)

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Social Security number or ITIN: --

EIN: --

United States Bankruptcy Court: Western District of Washington

Date case filed for chapter: 13 5/23/23

Case number: 23-40812-MJH

**Official Form 309I****Notice of Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Case****03/23**

**For the debtors listed above, a case has been filed under chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. An order for relief has been entered.**

**This notice has important information about the case for creditors, debtors, and trustees, including information about the meeting of creditors and deadlines. Read both pages carefully.**

The filing of the case imposed an automatic stay against most collection activities. This means that creditors generally may not take action to collect debts from the debtors, the debtors' property, and certain codebtors. For example, while the stay is in effect, creditors cannot sue, garnish wages, assert a deficiency, repossess property, or otherwise try to collect from the debtors. Creditors cannot demand repayment from debtors by mail, phone, or otherwise. Creditors who violate the stay can be required to pay actual and punitive damages and attorney's fees. Under certain circumstances, the stay may be limited to 30 days or not exist at all, although debtors can ask the court to extend or impose a stay.

Confirmation of a chapter 13 plan may result in a discharge. Creditors who assert that the debtors are not entitled to a discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 1328(f) must file a motion objecting to discharge in the bankruptcy clerk's office within the deadline specified in this notice. Creditors who want to have their debt excepted from discharge may be required to file a complaint in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the same deadline. (See line 13 below for more information.)

To protect your rights, consult an attorney. All documents filed in the case may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below or through PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records at <https://pacer.uscourts.gov>).

**The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.**

**To help creditors correctly identify debtors, debtors submit full Social Security or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers, which may appear on a version of this notice. However, the full numbers must not appear on any document filed with the court.**

**Do not file this notice with any proof of claim or other filing in the case. Do not include more than the last four digits of a Social Security or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number in any document, including attachments, that you file with the court.**

	About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2:
<b>1. Debtor's full name</b>	Michael Dean Lea	
<b>2. All other names used in the last 8 years</b>		
<b>3. Address</b>	1217 N 2nd Ave Kelso, WA 98626	
<b>4. Debtor's attorney</b> Name and address	Ellen Ann Brown Brown and Seelye PO BOX 951090 South Jordan, UT 84095	Contact phone 888-873-1958 Email: <a href="mailto:stopdebt@gmail.com">stopdebt@gmail.com</a>
<b>5. Bankruptcy trustee</b> Name and address	Michael G. Malaier 2122 Commerce Street Tacoma, WA 98402	Contact phone 253-572-6600 Email: <a href="mailto:ecfcomputer@chapter13tacoma.org">ecfcomputer@chapter13tacoma.org</a>
<b>6. Bankruptcy clerk's office</b> Documents in this case may be filed at this address. You may inspect all records filed in this case at this office or online at <a href="https://pacer.uscourts.gov">https://pacer.uscourts.gov</a> .	1717 Pacific Avenue Suite 2100 Tacoma, WA 98402	Hours open 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday Contact phone 253-882-3900 Date: 5/23/23

**For more information, see page 2**

**7. Meeting of creditors**

Debtors must attend the meeting to be questioned under oath. In a joint case, both spouses must attend. Creditors may attend, but are not required to do so.

**July 11, 2023 at 09:00 AM**

**The meeting may be continued or adjourned to a later date. If so, the date will be on the court docket.**

**Location:**

Telephonic Creditors Meeting  
Conference Line: 1-866-821-5743  
Participant Code: 3147442

**8. Deadlines**

The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive these documents and any required filing fee by the following deadlines.

**Deadline to file a complaint to challenge dischargeability of certain debts:**

**Filing deadline: 9/11/23****You must file:**

- a motion if you assert that the debtors are not entitled to receive a discharge under U.S.C. § 1328(f) or
- a complaint if you want to have a particular debt excepted from discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2) or (4).

**Deadline for all creditors to file a proof of claim (except governmental units):**

**Filing deadline: 8/1/23**

**Deadline for governmental units to file a proof of claim:**

**Filing deadline: 11/20/23****Deadlines for filing proof of claim:**

A proof of claim is a signed statement describing a creditor's claim. A proof of claim form may be obtained at [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov) or any bankruptcy clerk's office.

If you do not file a proof of claim by the deadline, you might not be paid on your claim. To be paid, you must file a proof of claim even if your claim is listed in the schedules that the debtor filed.

Secured creditors retain rights in their collateral regardless of whether they file a proof of claim. Filing a proof of claim submits the creditor to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court, with consequences a lawyer can explain.

For example, a secured creditor who files a proof of claim may surrender important nonmonetary rights, including the right to a jury trial.

If your claim is secured by a security interest in the debtor's principal residence, see Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002(c)(7) for claim filing deadlines.

**Deadline to object to exemptions:**

The law permits debtors to keep certain property as exempt. If you believe that the law does not authorize an exemption claimed, you may file an objection.

**Filing deadline:** 30 days after the *conclusion* of the meeting of creditors

**9. Filing of plan**

The debtor has filed a plan. The plan is enclosed. The hearing on confirmation will be held on: **8/8/23 at 12:55 PM**, Location: .

**The deadline to object to confirmation of the chapter 13 plan is 7 days prior to the hearing on confirmation.**

**10. Creditors with a foreign address**

If you are a creditor receiving a notice mailed to a foreign address, you may file a motion asking the court to extend the deadline in this notice. Consult an attorney familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions about your rights in this case.

**11. Filing a chapter 13 bankruptcy case**

Chapter 13 allows an individual with regular income and debts below a specified amount to adjust debts according to a plan. A plan is not effective unless the court confirms it. You may object to confirmation of the plan and appear at the confirmation hearing. A copy of the plan, if not enclosed, will be sent to you later, and if the confirmation hearing is not indicated on this notice, you will be sent notice of the confirmation hearing. The debtor will remain in possession of the property and may continue to operate the business, if any, unless the court orders otherwise.

**12. Exempt property**

The law allows debtors to keep certain property as exempt. Fully exempt property will not be sold and distributed to creditors, even if the case is converted to chapter 7. Debtors must file a list of property claimed as exempt. You may inspect that list at the bankruptcy clerk's office or online at <https://pacer.uscourts.gov>. If you believe that the law does not authorize an exemption that debtors claimed, you may file an objection by the deadline.

**13. Discharge of debts**

Confirmation of a chapter 13 plan may result in a discharge of debts, which may include all or part of a debt. However, unless the court orders otherwise, the debts will not be discharged until all payments under the plan are made. A discharge means that creditors may never try to collect the debt from the debtors personally except as provided in the plan. If you want to have a particular debt excepted from discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2) or (4), you must file a complaint and pay the filing fee in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the deadline. If you believe that the debtors are not entitled to a discharge of any of their debts under 11 U.S.C. § 1328(f), you must file a motion. The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive the objection by the deadline to object to exemptions in line 8.

**Notice of Potential Dismissal**

If the debtor fails to file required schedules, statements or lists within 15 days from the date the petition is filed, or object to dismissal of the case indicating why dismissal is not appropriate, the case may be dismissed without further notice. If the Debtor(s) fails to appear at the meeting of creditors, the U.S. Trustee may apply for an order of dismissal without further notice.

Anyone can register for the Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing program at [ebn.uscourts.gov](http://ebn.uscourts.gov) OR (2) Debtors can register for DeBN by filing local form **DeBN Request Form** with the Clerk of Court. Both options are FREE and allow the clerk to quickly send you court-issued notices and orders by email.